

REMARKS

An Amendment and Response to a Final Office Action was filed on November 5, 2004 in response to the Final Office Action mailed August 6, 2004. This Supplemental Amendment supplements the previously-filed Amendment. Applicant appreciates the time that Examiner took to speak with Applicant's representative on January 19, 2005 regarding this application, and the telephone notification on February 15, 2005 that the amendments in the November 5, 2004 Amendment and Response have not been entered.

Claims 10-13, 15-17, and 26-38 remain pending in the application. Claims 1-9, 24, 25, and 39 have been cancelled in this Supplemental Amendment. Claims 10, 11, 31, and 35 have been amended in this Supplemental Amendment. Claim 10 has been rewritten in independent form including the limitations of cancelled base claim 1. In making this Supplemental Amendment, no new matter has been added. Support for the amendments above can be found in the specification and the claims as filed.

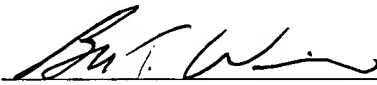
CONCLUSION

Applicant respectfully submits that the pending claims are allowable. Applicant respectfully solicits the issuance of a timely Notice of Allowance for all pending claims.

Should the Examiner have any comments, questions or suggestions of a nature necessary to expedite the prosecution of the application, he is courteously requested to telephone the undersigned at the number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

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